

REMARKS

Applicant cancels claims 12-18. Claims 1-11 remain pending in the application.

Applicant amends claims 1-5 and 9 for clarification. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to claims 1-11 and 15 for a number of antecedent basis informalities. Applicant cancels claim 15 and amends claims 1-5 and 9 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Claims 1-11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Again, Applicant cancels claim 15 and amends claims 1-5 and 9 to clarify the recitation of the feature of "one of a plurality of paths." And accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the § 112, ¶ 2 rejection.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 1-11 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant amends claims 1-5 and 9 to address the above claim objection and § 112, ¶ 2 rejection. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner allow claims 1-11.

Claims 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,175,765 to Perlman; and claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perlman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,891 to Williams et al.

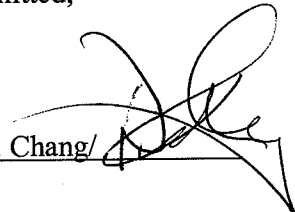
Applicant cancels the rejected claims.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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